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ASTEC supplies Egypt's Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation with the latest in knowledge management systems

ASTEC, a German leader in IT and knowledge management solutions, announced today that it has provided Egypt's Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI) with a sophisticated Library Management System.

This project comes as part of MWRI's ongoing modernization plan, initiated and directed by HE Dr. Mahmoud Abu Zied, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation. The unique new Library Management System (LMS) allows for better management of information resources facilitating access to material from libraries, archives and databases. The fully Arabicized system saves information in virtually all existing formats, including RTF, PDF, HTML, XML, JPEG, TIFF, WAV and MPEG.

ASTEC's innovative knowledge management system was introduced to Egypt by Advanced German Technology (AGT), a leading supplier of European-made premier information security products, solutions and services with a focus on the Middle East. The MWRI specifically chose ASTEC's solution to meet its particular and demanding requirements.

"Just as the Nile is central to the geography of Egypt so the management of the country's water supply, and the flow of information about it, is vital to the life of the nation," says Mr Klaus-Dieter Kees, Managing Director of ASTEC.

The vast accumulation of knowledge about water in Egypt over millennia continues to increase. Consequently it is essential that one of the longest established ministries in the country's modern history – originated by Mohamed Aly Pasha in 1836 – should have the latest and best technology to give it all the information it requires at its fingertips.

The advanced solution that ASTEC has provided MWRI is a unique fully integrated library management system with multimedia database and open interfaces. It is an aDIS/BMS solution that lets the user easily:

- Share the soft and hard knowledge of the organisation
- Find information in libraries, archives and databases
- Build a complete Intranet and Internet presence with easy to maintain content management tools
- Distribute knowledge in easily structured and flexible hierarchies
- Ensure rapid solutions for all the changing needs of modern information systems and their users

aDIS/BMS is an unrivalled multiplatform application server appropriate for different database management systems. Whereas other systems require several types of software to operate, ASTEC's requires only one. Accordingly, this seamless integration makes the system easy and quick to learn how to use with a minimum amount of maintenance. It runs on any operating system, including UNIX, Windows, etc.

Mr Kees explains that ASTEC's advanced solutions have massive potential for use by a wide range of organizations in both Egypt and the rest of the region. 'All enterprises and government organizations can greatly benefit from library management system technology,' he says. 'For example our many and varied clients in Germany include the German Parliament's Library; the Federal Armed Forces; the Federal Office for Environment Protection; the Federal Ministry for Traffic, Building and Housing; the Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Nutrition, and Agriculture; the Germanic National Museum...amongst many others.'

With the aid of unified and seamless access to a large variety of heterogeneous information resources, remote users, such as MWRI operatives working in-the-field, can access MWRI's databases on-line through the Intranet or the Internet, as well as create and maintain their own

